Telecast of Cricket Matches from South Africa

1312. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: SHRI AN ANT RAM JAISWAL : SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of ini tiative in Doordarshan has deprived the people of the country from, viewing the live telecast of the India-South Africa Cric ket series scheduled to begin on November 13, 1992;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has also resulted in considerable loss of revenue to Government;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI G1RDA VYAS) : (a) No, Sir. Doordarshan would telecast live all the one day matches. In addition, Doordarshan will also telecast 40 minutes highlights of each such match on the day following the match. Besides this, 30 minutes highlights of each day's play of all the Test Matches would be telecast the same evening and repeated on the next day. Highlights of the 1st Test Match played from 13th to 17th November, 1992 have already been telecast.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Late Telecast to News of Demise of Health Minister of Government of Gujarat

1313. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE : SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND' BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the news of the sudden demise due to heart failure of the Health Minister of Government of Gujarat was not relayed by the Doordarshan on the same day and thereafter in the month of October, 1992;

(b) whether it is a fact that normally the news of death of Ministers of the State Governments are also reported by the Doordarshan and if so, the reasons for which an exception was made in the case of late Shri Babhubhai Vasanwala, one of the most respected political leaders of Gujarat; and

(c) what was the time allotted by the Ahmedabad Doordarshan for the news of demise of Shri Babhubhai Vasanwala and later on for the all party condolence meet ing held in Ahmedabad ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) No, Sir. Doordarshan provided adequate coverage of the event.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A total of 16 minutes approximately, in four days.

Circulation Department of the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers, New Delhi

1314. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of total staff working in the Circulation Department of the office of the Registrar of Newspapers in New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the staff in this Department has been working for more than the last five years or more;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as required under the Government rules they have not been transferred even to the Circulation Department situated in other towns;

(d) if so, whether apart from violation of rules this action does encourage corruption;